

# List of light deities

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A **light deity** is a god or goddess in mythology associated with light and/or day. Since stars give off light, star deities can also be included here. The following is a list of light deities in various mythologies.

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The Norse light god Baldr

## African

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### Egyptian mythology

- Khepri, god of rebirth and the sunrise

- Nefertem, god who represents the first sunlight

## **Guanche**

- Magec, deity of the sun and light, exact gender unknown

## **Dahomean religion**

- Lisa, deity of the sun, heat, sky

## **American**

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### **Lakota mythology**

- Anpao, two-faced spirit of the dawn

### **Maya mythology**

- Tohil, god associated with thunder, lightning, and sunrise

## **Aztec**

- Centzonhuitznahua, 400 gods of the southern stars
- Centzonmimixcoa, 400 gods of the northern stars
- Cipactonal, god of the daytime
- Citlālicue, goddess who created the stars
- Citlalmina, goddess of female stars
- Citlalatónac, god of male stars
- Tianquiztli, star goddesses
- Xiuhtecuhtli, god of fire, day, and heat

## **Incan**

- Inti, god of the sun
- Ch'aska ("Venus") or Ch'aska Quyllur ("Venus star"), goddess of dawn and twilight, the planet
- Mama Killa, goddess of the moon

## **Asian**

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### **Chinese**

- Zhulong, dragon deity of daylight

## Hindu

- Aruṇa, personification of the reddish glow of the rising sun
- Dyaus Pita, continues the name of the Proto-Indo-European god of the day-lit sky
- Ushas, dawn goddess

## Sumerian

- Inanna, primary goddess of the planet Venus
- Ninsianna, goddess of the planet Venus
- Šul-pa-e, underworld god who became associated with Jupiter
- Shulsaga, stellar goddess
- Šerida, goddess of light

## European

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### Etruscan

- Albina, goddess of the dawn and protector of ill-fated lovers
- Thesan, goddess of the dawn, associated with new life

### Germanic

- Baldr, god thought to be associated with light and/or day; is known by many other names, all of which have cognates in other Germanic languages, suggesting he may have been a pan-Germanic deity
- Dagr, personification of day
- Earendel, god of rising light and/or a star
- Eostre, considered to continue the Proto-Indo-European dawn goddess
- Freyr, god of sunshine, among other things
- Teiwaz, as a reflex of Dyeus, was probably originally god of the day-lit sky

### Slavic

- Dazhbog, god of the sun and day

### Greek

- Aether, primarily associated with upper air but associated with light in Hesiod's Theogony
- Apollo, god of light, among many other things
- Eos, goddess of the dawn
- Hemera, personification of day
- Hyperion, Titan of light; sometimes conflated with his son Helios
- Lampetia, goddess of light, and one of the Heliades or daughters of Helios , god of the Sun, and of the nymph Neera .

- Theia, Titaness of sight and the shining light of the clear blue sky. She is the consort of Hyperion and mother of Helios, Selene, and Eos.
- Zeus, as a reflex of Dyeus, could be considered god of the day-lit sky

## Mari

## Roman

- Aurora (mythology), goddess of the dawn
- Jupiter (mythology), as a reflex of Dyeus, god of the day-lit sky
- Mater Matuta, goddess associated with Aurora

## Oceania

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## Polynesian

- Atanua, Marquesan goddess of the dawn
- Atarapa, goddess of the dawn
- Ira, sky goddess and mother of the stars

## Māori mythology

- Ao (mythology), personification of light

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